

REMARKS

By way of the above amendments, claims 12 and 24-26 have been withdrawn as being directed to non-elected subject matter. As such, claims 3 and 27-39 are presently pending for examination.

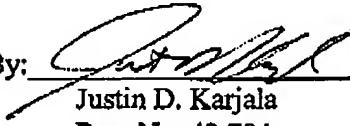
Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in condition for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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